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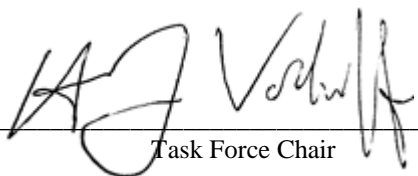
CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO MEET IN PERSON DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE CLIMATE INITIATIVES TASK FORCE

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1 and Executive Proclamations Number 181 JBE 2021, this notice shall serve as a certification of the Climate Initiatives Task Force ("Task Force") inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Task Force will provide for attendance and quorum at its essential government meeting on October 8, 2021, via video conference. Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.1, the Task Force must meet because:

- 1) Matters that, if they are delayed, will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship. The Task Force will identify and formulate recommendations for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Louisiana. These recommendations will help mitigate climate change and reduce the severity of climate change. Executive Order JBE 2020-18. Because the Task Force plays a critical role in the state's effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Louisiana, its continued function during this pandemic is essential, and failing to timely meet would result in the curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.
- 2) Matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the public body and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of this Chapter due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the public body. Executive Order JBE 2020-18 sets a February 1, 2022, deadline for a report of the Task Force. In order to fulfill the deadlines mandated in Executive Order JBE 2020-22, the Task Force operations cannot be postponed to after the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with La. 42:17.1 and Executive Proclamations 181 JBE 2021, the Task Force's meeting on Friday, October 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. will be held via video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the Notice posted no later than Thursday, October 7, 2021. All public comments received before and during the meeting will be properly identified and acknowledged during the meeting.

Certified this 29th day of September, 2021.



Task Force Chair